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TO SECNAV MIDDENDORF FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: SECNAV 131544Z AUG 74

1. WE WOULD OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO SEE YOU WHENEVER SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE FOR YOUR VISIT. THERE ARE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF YOUR PROPOSAL TO COME HERE ON SEPTEMBER 10 FOR TWO DAYS WHICH RAISE QUESTIONS I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER MOST SERIOUSLY. UNDERSTANDABLY YOU WOULD WISH TO SEE YOUR CLASSMATE PRINCE ABDORREZA PAHLAVI AND THE SHAH. I GATHER YOU MAY BE WORKING ON THIS QUESTION THROUGH IRANIAN AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI IN WASHINGTON, AND IF YOU HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT MEETINGS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED PLEASE ADVISE US.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING OFFER OF CHIEF OF ARMISH/MAAG TO PUT YOU UP (INDEED YOU WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO STAY WITH ME) THERE REMAINS THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF FINDING PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS FOR YOUR ACCOMPANYING PARTY AND PLANE CREW BECAUSE OF FULLY BOOKED HOTEL SPACE FOR THE ASIAN GAMES. ACCORDINGLY, SHOULD YOU COME, WE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO PUT UP THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR PRIVATE HOMES.

3. FINALLY, REGARDLESS OF OUR DISCLAIMERS, GOI WOULD FEEL OBLIGED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH APPROPRIATE COURTESIES, ACCOMPANYING AIDE, AND SECURITY. GIVEN THE HEAVY DEMANDS ON THEIR RESOURCES TO MEET OTHER NEEDS AT THAT TIME, I FEAR THAT WHILE DOING THE NECESSARY THERE WOULD BE A RESIDUAL OF RESENTMENT OVER OUR APPARENT INSENSITIVITY TO THE LOCAL SITUATION.

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4. IF MY CONCERNS ARE UNWARRANTED ON THE BASIS OF WHAT AMBASSADER

ZAHEDI HAS ADVISED YOU, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO VISIT PER YOUR
CURRENT SCHEDULE.
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